

# LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

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## Snow Plow Operator Duration of Operations Direction

### Background

UDOT has the responsibility to adequately maintain the state highway system during adverse weather conditions. As part of this operation UDOT employs the use of Utah Department of Transportation maintenance forces to provide this service. The Utah Department of Transportation snow removal operations are exempt from current Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration restrictions for the duration a snow plow driver may operate a snow removal vehicle.

### Snow Plow Driver Duration of Operation Guidelines

The following are the approved operational limits that all UDOT Maintenance leaders, supervisors and station personnel will follow for the continuous working hours during snow removal season.

**0 to 12 hours:** Duration determined by the **Station Supervisor** based on the evaluation of the equipment operator to be able to perform snow removal operations in a safe manner.

**12 to 16 hours:** Approval determined by the **Area Supervisor** based on the evaluation of the equipment operator to be able to perform snow removal operations in a safe manner.

**Greater than 16 hours:** Operators are to be relieved of his or her duties and released. The operator will be off the clock at this time.

Once a snow plow equipment operator has been relieved of his or her duties, the operator may not return to perform snow removal operations for a minimum of 4 hours.